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6 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 DISTRICT OF ARIZONA  
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9 U.S.A.,

No. 08-7230M

10 Plaintiff,

**ORDER**

11 v.

12 ROLANDO MENDEZ-MENDEZ,

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14 Defendant.

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16 THE COURT, having reviewed the Motion to Extend Indictment Deadline, and  
17 good cause appearing,

18 IT IS ORDERED granting the motion and extending the time within which the  
19 government may seek to indict defendant by thirty (30) days.

20 THE COURT makes the following findings:

- 21 1) Counsel for defendant has only recently been appointed;  
22 2) The defendant earnestly wishes to consider the plea offer;  
23 3) The defendant wishes to investigate possible defenses prior to  
24 considering the plea offer;  
25 4) The government's offer, if accepted by the defendant and then the court,  
26 would likely reduce defendant's exposure to a significant prison term;  
27 5) If the defendant does not timely accept the plea offer prior to indictment,  
28 the government will withdraw the offer and any subsequent offer would likely be less  
advantageous to the defendant;

1           6) Failure to extend the time for indictment would thus operate to bar  
2 defendant from reviewing the offer in a meaningful way prior to indictment; and

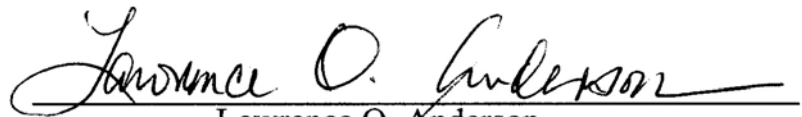
3           7) The ends of justice served by this extension outweigh the best interests of  
4 the public and the defendant in a speedy indictment.

5           The Court therefore concludes that the ends of justice are best served by  
6 granting an extension of time to present the case to the grand jury and in excluding a  
7 period of thirty (30) days under the Speedy Trial Act. In making this determination,  
8 the Court has particularly taken into account that the failure to grant the Defendant's  
9 request "would deny counsel for the defendant... the reasonable time necessary for  
10 effective preparation, taking into account the exercise of due diligence." 18 U.S.C.  
11 §3161(h)(8)(B)(iv).

12           **IT IS ORDERED** that Defendant's Motion to Extend Time to Indict,  
13 requesting an extension of thirty (30) days within which the government may seek to  
14 indict defendant, is hereby granted.

15           **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that excludable time shall begin to run on  
16 the 31<sup>st</sup> day after arrest for a period of thirty (30) days in which the Government may  
17 present the case to the grand jury.

18           DATED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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20           Lawrence O. Anderson  
21           United States Magistrate Judge  
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